

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION



**RE: United States Patent Application** 

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For: A METHOD AND A COUPLER FOR JOINING TWO STEEL PIPES

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 05/12/2003**

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please cancel Claims 1-19 and replace them with new Claims 20-33.

## REMARKS

Support for the new claims is clear from drawing Figures 1 and 2A even without the accompanying explanation in the specification.

The invention involves a novel method and apparatus for joining pipes wherein the liners are not in physical contact, but gas or fluid flowing in one liner can flow through the joint into the other liner.

Favorable action is solicited.

**Enclosure** 

Respectfully submitted,

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